

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A whole blood immunoassay includes the steps of mixing a whole blood sample with sensitized insoluble carrier particles to cause an immune agglutination; diluting the  
5 resulting agglutination mixture with an aqueous solution containing an erythrocyte lysing agent to lyse erythrocytes, thereby preparing an assay sample; and determining a degree of agglutination of the assay sample.